

I am a registered voter who is opposed to the relaxation of ownership rules being proposed by the FCC. Please do not change these important regulations, which support democratic free expression and the efficiency of the free market. The airwaves are the property of the people - don't sell them out to the corporations, they already have more than a fair share of the airwaves. More consolidation will only lead to further erosion of public debate which is so critical in a democratic society. It will also lead to loss of jobs and access to diverse opinions.

The deregulation of radio has already led to small town radio station job loss with stations being put on auto-pilot play lists. There is also danger to the communities when an emergency strikes and there is no one manning the station to put out an alert - which has already happened.

The consolidation has also led to corporate media stifling free speech as in the case of the "Dixie Chicks" and Clear Channel deciding not to play their music because the corporation did not agree with the "Dixie Chicks" constitutionally protected political expression. This is as great a threat to the quality of American life as terrorism.